

*Sūrah al-A‘lā*¹⁷⁷⁶

Bismillāhir-Raḥmānir-Raḥeem

1. Exalt the name of your Lord, the Most High,
2. Who created and proportioned
3. And who destined and [then] guided
4. And who brings out the pasture
5. And [then] makes it black stubble.
6. We will make you recite, [O Muḥammad], and you will not forget,
7. Except what Allāh should will. Indeed, He knows what is declared and what is hidden.
8. And We will ease you toward ease.¹⁷⁷⁷
9. So remind, if the reminder should benefit;¹⁷⁷⁸
10. He who fears [Allāh] will be reminded.
11. But the wretched one will avoid it –
12. [He] who will [enter and] burn in the greatest Fire,
13. Neither dying therein nor living.
14. He has certainly succeeded who purifies himself
15. And mentions the name of his Lord and prays.
16. But you prefer the worldly life,
17. While the Hereafter is better and more enduring.
18. Indeed, this is in the former scriptures,
19. The scriptures of Abraham and Moses.

¹⁷⁷⁶ *Al-A‘lā*: The Most High.

¹⁷⁷⁷ To the path of Allāh's religion, which is easy and natural, or toward Paradise, by giving opportunities for righteous deeds.

¹⁷⁷⁸ i.e., wherever it will be heard and understood.

Sūrah al-Ghāshiyah¹⁷⁷⁹**Bismillāhir-Raḥmānir-Raḥeem**

1. Has there reached you the report of the Overwhelming [event]?
2. [Some] faces, that Day, will be humbled,
3. Working [hard] and exhausted.¹⁷⁸⁰
4. They will [enter to] burn in an intensely hot Fire.
5. They will be given drink from a boiling spring.
6. For them there will be no food except from a poisonous, thorny plant
7. Which neither nourishes nor avails against hunger.
8. [Other] faces, that Day, will show pleasure.
9. With their effort [they are] satisfied
10. In an elevated garden,
11. Wherein they will hear no unsuitable speech.¹⁷⁸¹
12. Within it is a flowing spring.
13. Within it are couches raised high
14. And cups put in place
15. And cushions lined up
16. And carpets spread around.
17. Then do they not look at the camels – how they are created?
18. And at the sky – how it is raised?
19. And at the mountains – how they are erected?

¹⁷⁷⁹ *Al-Ghāshiyah*: The Overwhelming, one of the names of the Resurrection.

¹⁷⁸⁰ Another accepted meaning is "They were working hard and exhausted," i.e., doing deeds during worldly life which did not benefit them since they were not accompanied by faith or done for the acceptance of Allāh (*subḥānahu wa ta'ālā*).

¹⁷⁸¹ i.e., any insult, falsehood, immorality, idle or vain talk, etc.